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ZERO ENTRY FEE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced Zero Entry Fee for Public mobile Radio Trunk Services (PMRTS); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government have announced policy for grant of fresh licences for Public Mobile Radio Trunk Services (PMRTS) on 1st November, 2001. The salient features of the policy are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE POLICY FOR GRANT OF FRESH LICENCES FOR PUBLIC MOBILE TRNUK SERVICES (PMRTS).

1. Licences for operation of Public Mobile Radio Trunk Services (PMRTS) shall be issued in digital technology.

2. The Licence shall be issued for a period of 20 years.

3. The applicant has to be an Indian registered company. Total foreign equity in the company shall not exceed 49% at any time during the entire licence period.

4. There shall be no entry fee.

5. The Licence fee for commercial PMRTS systems shall be 5% of the `Adjusted Gross Revenue` from the Service.

6. Public Switched Telephone Network Connectivity (PSTN) shall be permitted.

7. Transfer of PMRTS licence shall be permitted.

8. In the interest of security, suitable monitoring equipment as may be prescribed for each type of system used will be provided by the Licencee for monitoring.